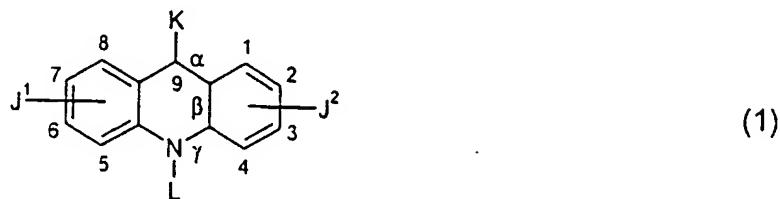


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.(original) A compound of the formula:



wherein either:

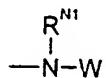
- (a) K is =O, L is -H, α is a single bond, β is a double bond, γ is a single bond ("acridone"); or:
- (b) K is a 9-substituent, L is absent, α is a double bond, β is a single bond, γ is a double bond ("acridine");

and wherein:

J¹ is a 2-or 3-substituent; and,

J² is a 6-or 7-substituent;

and wherein J¹ and J² are each independently a group of the formula:



wherein:

R<sup>N1</sup> is independently a nitrogen substituent and is hydrogen, C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-20</sub>heterocyclyl, or C<sub>5-20</sub>aryl, and is optionally substituted; and,

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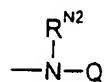
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W is independently C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-20</sub>heterocyclyl, or C<sub>5-20</sub>aryl, and is optionally substituted;

and wherein, when K is a 9-substituent, K is a group of the formula:



wherein:

R<sup>N2</sup> is independently a nitrogen substituent and is hydrogen, C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-20</sub>heterocyclyl, or C<sub>5-20</sub>aryl, and is optionally substituted; and,

Q is independently C<sub>1-7</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-20</sub>heterocyclyl, or C<sub>5-20</sub>aryl, and is optionally substituted;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, amides, solvates, hydrates, and protected forms thereof.

Claims 2-77 (canceled)